

SENATE BILL 1908

By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to the possession of a firearm within the confines of certain establishments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1305(c), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

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(A) Within the confines of a restaurant, is authorized to carry a firearm pursuant to § 39-17-1351, and is not consuming beer, wine or any alcoholic beverage while in the restaurant or on its premises or is not in violation of § 39-17-1321.

(B) As used in this subdivision "restaurant" means any public place kept, used, maintained, advertised and held out to the public as a place where meals are served and where meals are actually and regularly served, without sleeping accommodations, such place being provided with adequate and sanitary kitchen and dining room equipment. At least one (1) meal per day shall be served at least five (5) days a week, with the exception of holidays, vacations and periods of redecorating, and the serving of such meals shall be the principal business conducted in such establishment.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.